## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1, 3 and 6 are pending in the application. Claim 1 is currently amended. Claims 2, 4-5 are canceled. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An epoxy resin composition comprising:

an epoxy resin; and

a curing agent which includes an aromatic polyester having a structure wherein an

aromatic hydrocarbon group (a1) having a bonding site in an aromatic nucleus and another

aromatic hydrocarbon group (a2) having a bonding site in an aromatic nucleus are bonded via an

ester bond (b), and an aryloxycarbonyl group (c) is the terminal of said polyester, and having an

inherent viscosity within a range of 0.02 to 0.42 dL/g.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Original): The epoxy resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the

aromatic hydrocarbon group (a1) or the aromatic hydrocarbon group (a2) is a polyvalent

hydrocarbon group having a structure in which a benzene ring is bonded to another benzene ring

via a condensed polyalicyclic hydrocarbon.

Claims 4 -5 (Canceled).

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Claim 6 (Original): The epoxy resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the

epoxy resin is a polyglycidyl ether of a phenol resin having a structure in which a phenol is

bonded to another phenol via a condensed polyalicyclic hydrocarbon.

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